

Ensign	King	Rogers
Everett	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Ewing	Klug	Ros-Lehtinen
Fawell	Knollenberg	Roth
Fields (TX)	Kolbe	Roukema
Flanagan	LaHood	Royce
Foley	Largent	Salmon
Forbes	Latham	Sanford
Fowler	LaTourrette	Saxton
Fox	Laughlin	Scarborough
Franks (CT)	Lazio	Schaefer
Franks (NJ)	Leach	Schiff
Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)	Sensenbrenner
Frisa	Lightfoot	Shadegg
Funderburk	Linder	Shaw
Gallely	Livingston	Shays
Ganske	LoBiondo	Shuster
Gekas	Longley	Skeen
Gilchrist	Lucas	Smith (MI)
Gillmor	Manzullo	Smith (NJ)
Gilman	Martini	Smith (TX)
Goodlatte	McCollum	Solomon
Goodling	McCrery	Souder
Goss	McDade	Spence
Graham	McHugh	Stearns
Greenwood	McInnis	Stump
Gunderson	McIntosh	Talent
Gutknecht	McKeon	Tate
Hancock	Metcalfe	Tauzin
Hansen	Mica	Taylor (MS)
Hastert	Miller (FL)	Taylor (NC)
Hastings (WA)	Molinari	Thomas
Hayworth	Moorhead	Thornberry
Hefley	Morella	Tiahrt
Heineman	Myers	Torkildsen
Herger	Myrick	Upton
Hilleary	Nethercutt	Vucanovich
Hobson	Neumann	Waldholtz
Hoekstra	Ney	Walker
Hoke	Norwood	Walsh
Horn	Nussle	Wamp
Hostettler	Oxley	Watts (OK)
Houghton	Parker	Weldon (FL)
Hunter	Paxon	Weldon (PA)
Hutchinson	Petri	Weller
Hyde	Pombo	White
Inglis	Porter	Whitfield
Istook	Portman	Wicker
Jacobs	Pryce	Wolf
Johnson (CT)	Quillen	Young (AK)
Johnson, Sam	Quinn	Young (FL)
Jones	Ramstad	Zeliff
Kasich	Regula	Zimmer
Kelly	Riggs	
Kim	Roberts	

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Abercrombie	Dooley	Kennedy (RI)
Ackerman	Doyle	Kennelly
Andrews	Durbin	Kildee
Baesler	Edwards	Klecicka
Baldacci	Engel	Klink
Barcia	Eshoo	LaFalce
Barrett (WI)	Evans	Lantos
Beilenson	Farr	Levin
Bentsen	Fattah	Lewis (GA)
Berman	Fazio	Lincoln
Bevill	Fields (LA)	Lipinski
Bishop	Flake	Lofgren
Bonior	Foglietta	Lowey
Borski	Ford	Luther
Boucher	Frank (MA)	Maloney
Brewster	Frost	Markey
Browder	Furse	Martinez
Brown (CA)	Gejdenson	Mascara
Brown (FL)	Gephardt	Matsui
Brown (OH)	Geren	McCarthy
Cardin	Gibbons	McDermott
Clay	Gonzalez	McHale
Clayton	Gordon	McKinney
Clement	Gutierrez	McNulty
Clyburn	Hall (OH)	Meehan
Coleman	Hall (TX)	Meek
Collins (IL)	Hamilton	Menendez
Collins (MI)	Harman	Mfume
Condit	Hastings (FL)	Miller (CA)
Conyers	Hefner	Minge
Costello	Hilliard	Mink
Coyne	Hinchee	Moakley
Cramer	Holden	Mollohan
Danner	Hoyer	Montgomery
de la Garza	Jackson (IL)	Moran
DeFazio	Jackson-Lee	Murtha
DeLauro	(TX)	Nadler
Dellums	Jefferson	Neal
Deutsch	Johnson, E. B.	Oberstar
Dicks	Johnston	Obey
Dingell	Kanjorski	Olver
Dixon	Kaptur	Ortiz
Doggett	Kennedy (MA)	Orton

Owens	Sawyer	Torres
Pallone	Schroeder	Torricelli
Pastor	Schumer	Towns
Payne (NJ)	Scott	Trafficant
Payne (VA)	Serrano	Velazquez
Pelosi	Sisisky	Vento
Peterson (FL)	Skaggs	Visclosky
Peterson (MN)	Skelton	Volkmer
Pickett	Slaughter	Ward
Pomeroy	Spratt	Waters
Poshard	Stark	Watt (NC)
Rahall	Stenholm	Waxman
Rangel	Stokes	Williams
Reed	Studds	Wilson
Richardson	Stupak	Wise
Rivers	Tanner	Woolsey
Roemer	Tejeda	Wyden
Roibal-Allard	Thompson	Wynn
Rush	Thornton	Yates
Sabo	Thurman	

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Becerra	Johnson (SD)	Rose
Bryant (TX)	Lewis (CA)	Sanders
Chapman	Manton	Seastrand
Filner	Meyers	Smith (WA)
Green	Packard	Stockman
Hayes	Radanovich	

So the motion to lay the appeal of the ruling of the Chair on the table was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

11.14 PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. JACKSON-LEE rose to a question of the privileges of the House and called up the following resolution (H. Res. 354):

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause the Federal Government to default on its obligations and affect the dignity and integrity of House proceedings; and

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause severe hardship on Federal employees, Federal contractors, and the American people and cause millions of American citizens to hold the House in disrepute: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution, the Speaker of the House shall take such action to keep the House in session until the House considers a clean bill regarding the debt ceiling to avoid default of the full faith and credit of the United States.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE was recognized to speak and said:

"Mr. Speaker, rule IX, section 1 in particular, speaks to questions of privilege affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings.

"But second, Mr. Speaker, it talks about affecting the rights, reputation and conduct of Members individually. And, therefore, we can see in that rule that there may be actions taken collectively by this body that would put this House in ill repute in the eyes of its constituents, in the eyes of other Members, and in the eyes collectively, of the American people.

"Mr. Speaker, I would affirm that recessing this House in light of the failure of the leader's privileged resolution to pass a clean debt ceiling will befall upon this House in the eyes of the American people a reputation that we would not be proud of. The House of Representatives will be held in disrepute by world leaders, international financial institutions, and most impor-

tantly the citizens of this country, if it does not pass a bill relating to the debt ceiling.

"Mr. Speaker, it is my contention that this is a grave matter, and in many ways affects the dignity and integrity of these House proceedings. The Secretary of the Treasury has stated that the Federal Government will be in default of its financial obligations if the debt ceiling limit is not raised and a \$5.8 billion interest payment made very soon.

"In accordance with the responsibilities of his office, Secretary Rubin has already sent a letter on January 22, 1996, to the congressional leadership stating under the current conditions the U.S. Treasury will no longer be able to fulfill all of its financial obligations.

"Clearly, Mr. Speaker, we have been on notice and we are on notice that actions by this body would put it in disrepute and have it viewed as not performing its responsibilities.

"As we are aware, Mr. Speaker, the financial reputation of an organization is based solely upon the financial history it has established. Mr. Speaker, it has been an undeniable fact that this House was given 38 days of notice of the impending financial dilemma. If this body fails to pass a bill, which we have already done so by rejecting the leader's privileged resolution, then we would not be in good standing.

"May I remind the Speaker that rule IX of the House states questions of privilege go to the dignity and reputation of this House.

"Mr. Speaker, might I also say that, if on February 26, when we have the obligation of sending out to millions of Americans Social Security checks, I can tell my colleagues that if those checks go out with no clean debt ceiling, they will bounce. If that is not a blight on the integrity of this House, then I do not know what is.

"Mr. Speaker, if I may personally say, having had the privilege of going to Bosnia, visiting with the people of those nations, Bosnia, the former Yugoslavia and Croatia, when making a very weighty decision by this body as to whether we would go in as peace-keeping troops in this effort, I had the privilege of talking to the men and women who are now serving in Bosnia. The only thing they asked of us is: Will the American people be with us?

"Mr. Speaker, here we stand on the House floor about to recess and go home and jeopardize the opportunity and the responsibility to pay those military personnel by March 1. Mr. Speaker, I think that we have come to a point legitimately under rule IX that we must stand up because we provide a harm to the American people. That harm is the inability to pay Social Security; the inability to pay veterans' benefits; the inability to pay our military personnel; and, yes, the disrepute that will fall upon this House and this Nation when it is not able to pay its responsibilities and uphold the full faith and credit of this Nation.

"Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we not recess and we stand with the American people. Do not bring a lack of dignity on this House on the American people."

Ms. WOOLSEY was recognized to speak and said:

"Mr. Speaker, here we go again. The folks who brought two Government shutdowns are now threatening to bring our Nation to the brink of default one more time. They are doing this in one more attempt to force their extreme agenda on the American people."

"That is right, once again the Gingrich Republicans have the Nation teetering on the edge of crisis, and instead of working to avoid disaster, the Speaker and his gang want to leave town this weekend."

"My colleagues heard me. They want to leave the Nation's full faith and credit, as well as the fate of millions of Social Security and veterans' beneficiaries, hanging by a thread until Congress reconvenes 3 weeks from now."

"Mr. Speaker, that is right. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask why the motion to adjourn is a privilege and the resolution to prevent adjournment is not a privilege. I would suggest that we be able to speak on either side of adjourning or not adjourning, equally. And I would hope that I could then have another Member of our caucus speak to this same issue."

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask why, if the motion to adjourn is a privilege, that the motion not to adjourn is not the same privilege."

Mr. SOLOMON was recognized to speak and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to argue briefly that the resolution does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House under rule IX."

"As recently as 4:50 p.m. today, a few minutes ago, the Chair rules against a resolution purporting to raise a question of privilege, on the grounds that it effected a change in House rules by providing for passage of a specified bill."

"The resolution before us is only a slight modification of the previous resolution, by requiring the Speaker to take action to keep the House in session until the House considers certain legislation. As such, the resolution attempts to change House rules by altering the duties of the Speaker as specified in House rule number I."

"Presumably, the Speaker would even be required to not recognize anyone who offered a constitutionally privileged motion to adjourn. This is not only changing House rules, but it actually violates the Constitution of the United States. I would, therefore, urge the Chair to rule against the resolution in conformity with the Chair's previous rulings and House precedents, and I would urge the Speaker to rule."

Mr. WALKER was recognized to speak and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the resolution is obviously a resolution of the same nature as those that have been ruled on previously by Speakers extending back for several decades."

"The cause being brought by the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is under rule IX. This is obviously not a question of privilege under the provisions of rule IX, and so, therefore, I request that the Chair rule against this matter as a question of privilege."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, ruled that the resolution submitted did not present a question of the privileges of the House under rule IX, and said:

"The resolution offered by the gentlewoman from Texas alleges that the failure of the House to take a specified legislative action impairs its dignity and the integrity of its proceeding and lowers it in public esteem. On that premise, it resolves that the Speaker keep the House in session until it considers a pertinent legislative measure."

"The resolution offered by the gentlewoman from Texas, like those offered on February 7, and December 22, 1995, and on January 3 and January 24, 1996, and earlier today, attempts to advance a legislative proposition as a question of the privileges of the House."

"For the reasons just stated by the Chair when ruling that the resolution offered by the gentleman from Missouri did not constitute a question of privileges of the House, the Chair holds that the resolution offered by the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] does not affect the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, or the integrity of its proceedings within the meaning of clause 1 of rule IX. Rather, it proposes to impose a particular legislative schedule on the House, precluding an adjournment of the House until a specified legislative measure is considered, as an antidote for the alleged disrepute of previous inaction."

"Therefore, the resolution does not constitute a question of privilege under rule IX."

Ms. JACKSON-LEE appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

Mr. SOLOMON moved to lay the appeal on the table.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House lay on the table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, announced that the yeas had it.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present, The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas 229
Nays 181

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[Roll No. 27]

YEAS—229

Allard
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker (CA)

Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Beilenson
Bereuter
Bilbray

Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Cooley
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dornan
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
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Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
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Goodlatte

Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jacobs
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourrette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lucas
Manzullo
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalfe
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinaro
Moorhead
Morella
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood

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Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Bentsen
Berman
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Danner
de la Garza
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Gordon
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)